decided to upgrade Govt. Medical College, Kolkata with a capital outlay of Rs. 120 Crores (approx.), of which the Central Government will invest Rs. 100 Crores as one time measure and remaining Rs. 20 crores will be borne by the State Government, which will also meet expenditure on manpower and maintenance. Necessary assessment report and gap analysis of the institution for preparation of project report, is being carried out. The management of the medical college institution will continue to remain with the State Government.

Medical colleges in scheduled areas

3113. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many medical colleges have been started in scheduled areas of Central India, such as Gumla, Jasspur, Simdega, Sarguja, Dhumka, Palamu and Hazaribagh district of Chhattisgarh/Jharkhand States; and

(b) whether Government have any special plans to encourage private sector companies to start medical colleges by giving infrastructure and financial incentives in these Scheduled areas as these centres can function as growth centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILYWELFARE(SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Central Government is permitting opening of new medical colleges under the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and the Regulations made thereunder. Any person fulfilling the qualifying criteria prescribed in the MCI Regulations can apply to the Central Government for permission. The essentiality and feasibility of having a medical college at **a** particular place is to be decided by the concerned State/UT Governments. No proposal for starting new medical college at Gumla, Jasspur, Simdega, Sarguja, Dhumka, Palamu and Hazaribagh district of Chhattisgarh/Jharkhand States has been received. However, in Chhattisgarh, Medical Colleges are located at Raipur, Bilaspur and

Jagdalpur. In Jharkhand, Medical Colleges are located at Ranchi, Jamshedpur and Dhanbad.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

Super speciality hospital in Madura!

3114. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of hospitals maintained by Government, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up more hospitals in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would consider setting up a super-speciality hospital in Madurai for the benefit of the people of Southern Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Health being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the concerned State Government to set up hospitals in their respective States. However, some hospitals are being run by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, which are listed below:-

- Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, New Delhi
- Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi
- Lady Hardinge Medical College & its associated hospitals, New Delhi
- All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
- P.G.I.M.E.R., Chandigarh
- J.I.P.M.E.R., Pondicherry